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4 October 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI

SUBJECT : Request for Amendment to Project AECOB

1. In August 1952 Herberts OKOLO was dispatched to the Latvian SSR where he has since been involved in a sensitive type FI operation. The agent has performed satisfactorily considering that he lost the major portion of his equipment and funds in a skirmish with the Soviets. In view of the extremely hazardous conditions under which the agent has since operated as well as his satisfactory establishment of an independent, internal, legal intelligence reporting facility, his mission can be considered as successful upon his exfiltration. Latest S/W traffic from him indicates that he has departed from his operational area and is about to exfiltrate into Norway.

2. It is requested that the sum of \$5,600.00 be approved as an additional allotment to Project AECOB. \$3,800.00 of this amount represents a bonus payment to the agent; authorization, in principle, for payment of this is included in Project AECOB--Amendment and Renewal, Section 5(3)--as approved by the Chief of Plans and concurred in by Chief, FI on 30 April 1954. The remainder--\$1,800.00--represents the difference in salary payments which we propose to pay the agent while he is being debriefed in the United States. He is currently paid at the rate of \$2,400.00 per annum; present plans are to pay him at the rate of \$6,000.00 per annum for approximately six months subsequent to his arrival in the United States.

3. Upon approval of this request SR/2 will initiate an amendment to the agent's contract to effect the payment of this sum.

4. It is further requested that approval be granted for an advance payment of \$500.00--to be charged against the agent's bonus payment--in order that this sum can be paid to the agent in Europe immediately upon his exfiltration for the purchase of wearing apparel and other personal needs.

5. For any further information concerning this matter, please contact Room 2613 J Building, Extension 4122 or Room 2609 J Building, extension 3582.

APPROVED

Gmer, FI

Acting Chief, SR Division

18 Oct 54
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